

CIVIC/VOTER EDUCATION INITIATIVE BY GECOM REGISTRATION STAFF

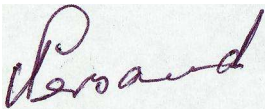
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Efforts to promote the ongoing Continuous Registration exercise went further ahead when a Team of Registration Staff from the South Georgetown Registration Office of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) showed initiative by embarking on a campaign aimed at raising awareness about the registration process.

The initiative, which took place on Sunday, November 13, 2005 between 17:00 and 20:00 hours, was spearheaded by Ms. Shondell Rutherford, Registration Officer for the South Georgetown Registration Office. It entailed the manual distribution of appropriate flyers and handbills to visitors at the Georgetown Seawall between Vlissengen Road, Georgetown and Liliendall, East Coast Demerara.

Commenting afterwards, Ms. Rutherford described the activity as a very encouraging one which generated a significant amount of interaction with the relaxing citizenry. She emphasized that it also gave her Team the opportunity to clarify some concerns many persons had pertaining to the Continuous Registration process.

Dr. Steve Surujbally, Chairman of GECOM, lauded the initiative taken by Ms. Rutherford and her Team in seeking to bolster the public awareness effort of the Commission. He was especially impressed that the Team undertook official work on their day off, and emphasized the need for the staff of the other Registration Offices to emulate the commitment demonstrated by Ms. Rutherford and her staff.



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